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checking the order.      We thought we were at AM2771. It's the same amen...

CLERK: Senator, I'm taking them up in the order I've got them.

SENATOR BOHLKE: I'm sorry.

CLERK: And this is the first one.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Legal counsel just explained it, it is the same amendment, and that has to do with what I was talking about as far as membership on the task force, and this is the amendment that allows four taxpayers from those same districts as the teachers to serve on the task...task force. I'd be open to any questions you may have with that. It just seems to me, although it does enlarge the task force, generally we need to have representation from just regular taxpayers who don't represent any particular business, any particular profession because in the end these are the people who support our schools, and if we do something about teacher salaries, these will be the people who will be paying for it.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Bohlke. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 311-313. (Legislative Journal page 1085.) For debate on the Bohlke amendment to the committee amendments to LB 1399, Senator Suttle. She waives off. Senator Brashear on the Bohlke amendment. Senator Price on the Bohlke amendment.

SENATOR PRICE: Mr. Lieutenant Governor and members of the body, as I look at the committee makeup, I am pleased to see that we're going to have four taxpayers in there. We didn't want the committee to get too large because then it just seems like you don't get your work done, but I am very supportive of the increase in teacher salaries and the study will provide me the answers to the many questions that I have. I probably have 20 thoughts on how to do this, but there needs to be a concentrated study by capable persons to provide the answers that I need in order to make a decision. We, in this body, could probably spend a week discussing this one issue and still come to no resolution. I reflect back on many years ago when